

REMARKS

The amendments above and the remarks below are in response to the Office Action mailed in the above-listed patent application on March 25, 2008.

Claims 1-15, 17 and 21-28 were pending in the application. Applicants have amended claim 1. Thus, claims 1-15, 17 and 21-28 are still pending in the application.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC § 102

The Examiner rejected claims 1-15, 17 and 21-28 under 35 U.S.C. section 102(b) as being anticipated by USPN 3,750,994 to Bieschke (“Bieschke”). Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the limitation “weight balance.” Bieschke is directed to a mounting device for a projection screen and does not disclose or suggest a weight balance. Because one of the claimed elements is clearly not disclosed by Bieschke, Bieschke cannot anticipate claim 1 as amended. It is black letter law that anticipation “under Section 102 can be found only if a reference shows exactly what is claimed.” Titanium Metals Corp. v. Banner, 778 F.2d 775, 227 USPQ 773 (Fed. Cir. 1985). Applicants respectfully submit that Bieschke does not anticipate claim 1 as amended, and claims dependent thereon, i.e., claims 2-15 and 17. Accordingly, Applicants request that the rejection of these claims under §102 be withdrawn and the claims be allowed.

As to the other claims, Applicants submit that Bieschke does not disclose all the elements of the claims and, therefore, does not anticipate the claims, the Examiner’s assertions to the contrary notwithstanding. Thus, for example, claim 21 provides that “a support body is movably coupled to the second joint member.” The Examiner asserts that element 23 of Bieschke is a “support body.” However, element 23, which is an angular bracket is not movably coupled to the second joint member. The angular bracket is fixedly attached to element 45 (which apparently is the second joint member according to the Examiner). There is no indication in the text or figures of Bieschke that the angular bracket 23 is movably attached to a second joint member. Because at least one of the claimed elements is not disclosed by Bieschke, claim 21 and claims dependent thereon are not anticipated by Bieschke.

For similar reasons, claim 24 and its dependent claims are also not anticipated by Bieschke. Claim 24 also requires that the support body is movably coupled to the second joint member. As shown above, Bieschke does not disclose this element. Additionally, claim 24 requires that the moveable coupling between the support body and the second joint member be configured such that the support body can move along a “second arc A2” which is in addition to the second joint member being able to move along a first arc A1. The Examiner has not provided any support in Bieschke for his assertion that the “second joint member is configured to move along a first arc A1 and the support body is movably coupled to the second joint member and configured to move along a second arc A2, the arc A1 being perpendicular to A2.” Bieschke simply does not disclose the foregoing elements.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of pending claims be withdrawn and a notice of allowance be issued.

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Fees Due to File This Amendment

Prior to the pending Office Action, a fee was paid for the original 29 claims, with 4 of them being independent claims. The claim amendments have not resulted in more than the original number of claims, and **thus no claim fees are believed to be due** to file this amendment.

Petition For Extension Of Time To Respond

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), Applicants hereby request an extension of time for **Three Months** to respond to the above-referenced Office Action. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the required fee of \$1050.00, or such other extension of time fees that may be due, to Deposit Account No. 50-1225 (Docket No. ECC-5764).

Conclusion

In view of the remarks and amendments presented above, it is respectfully submitted that the pending claims of the present invention are in condition for allowance. It is respectfully requested that a Notice of Allowance be issued in due course. The Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney to resolve any remaining issues in order to expedite examination of the present application.

If an appropriate payment does not accompany or precede this submission, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees, such as under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17, including any petition for extension of time, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1225 (ECC-5764).

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